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Your weekly information link to Saint Paul Catholic School September 25, 2014

Calendar

September

- Thurs, September 25
- Progress Reports
- Fri, September 26
- Grandparents' Day
- Tues, September 30
- Spirit Wear Day
- Fr. Joe's Ordination Anniversary
- 147th Birthday of our School

October

- Fri, October 3
- Family Friday
- Guardian Angel Mass
- Oktoberfest
- Mon, October 6
- Dress Alternative Day
- Picture Day
- Tues, October 7
- 8th gr Visits OE
- Sat, October 11
- Market Day
- October 20-23
- Red Ribbon Week
- Thurs, October 23
- End of 1st Quarter
- Fri, October 24
- Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- Mon, October 27
- Fall Break NO SCHOOL
- Thurs, October 30
- Report Cards
- Fri, October 31
- Spirit Wear Day
- Halloween Parties

From one of our new teachers

Back Again—*Barb Graham*

It is great to be back! My name is Barbara Graham. I am fortunate to once again be teaching at St. Paul for 12 weeks this fall. The past two years in the spring I filled in for Mrs. Smith and this year I am working in Mrs. Bookholt's room while she is out on maternity leave. I am teaching 6th and 7th grade Literature, 8th grade Social Studies, and Religion to my 8th grade homeroom. This is my 42nd year of teaching. I had a wonderful career teaching grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Merrillville for 37 years. For the past four years I have really enjoyed substitute teaching in several schools in the Diocese, including St. Paul. I love it here! I was born in Dallas, Texas, the third of seven children born into a strong Irish Catholic family. I grew up in Skokie, IL. We went to St. Lambert School. I attended Marywood High School in Evanston and then went to St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Terre Haute, another Sisters of Providence school. Mrs. Kathy Olson was my "little sister" at SMWC and she is the reason I ended up at St. Paul! I earned a Masters' degree in Elementary Education at Indiana University.

I have lived in Lakes of the Four Seasons for 27 years. I have two children. My daughter, Katie, is 30; she has a son named Asher and lives near Washington, D.C. She works for the AFT. My son is 29 and was married last summer. Greg and Jenny went to kindergarten together! They live in Dyer. Greg is a bricklayer and is a sports fanatic. The sportswriters know him by name at Bears Training Camp! Jenny is a NICU nurse at Advocate Christ in Oak Lawn. She is almost finished with her Masters' degree from UIC to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. They are my world!

I wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember. I have been truly blessed with 42 years of working with so many special children. This is my passion and I still love it after all these years! I am very involved at my parish of Holy Spirit in Winfield. I love Zumba, sports, shopping, and spending time with friends.

I love working with your children. Thank you for sharing them with me during my time here. I love watching these young adults grow. They are very special and have so much to give. Saint Paul School has such a nurturing staff who works together to mold your children into good Catholic Christian individuals!



Business— Jane Scupham

Returning to School for Forgotten Items

Please be aware that students may only return to the school building until 3:15pm. Any students coming back to the building for forgotten items must report to the office first and obtain permission to go to their classroom or locker. Once the item is retrieved, they must report back to the office so we know that they are leaving the building. We encourage all parents to NOT make this a regular occurrence. Responsibility is a trait that we are trying to instill in all students.

Dismissal Car Line

In the afternoon there are 2 waves of car lines. If you miss both of these, you will need to come around to the front of the building and sign your child out and leave by the front doors. DO NOT get out of your car and try to take your child from the sidewalk. This is not allowed. Children waiting for their parents after 2nd car line will be brought to the office when all carline cars are finished. This procedure is in place for the safety of the students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Picture Day

Our school picture day is Monday, October 6th. It is a dress alternative day so your child may dress up for their pictures. Remember dress alternative clothing needs to be school appropriate. Make-up is not allowed at school, even for picture day.

Prayers

We often have many SPCS family members and friends in need of your prayers as they battle serious illnesses. Please pray for them.

- ◇ Wendi Balda
- ◇ Laura Bernardini
- ◇ Judy Bretz, mother of Melissa Czekaj (Office)
- ◇ Bob Gresser
- ◇ Valerie Hawes, friend of Peggy McGuckin (Computers)
- ◇ Dave Richardson

Uniform Shorts

Students have until November 1st to wear their uniform shorts. No shorts may be worn from November 1st through March 31st. Hopefully, we will still have some lovely weather in October!

R-E-S-P-E-C-T and Gratitude

The use of the office telephone is discouraged, but we certainly have some students who forget all kinds of items and feel the need to call home. The office staff can't help but hear how students talk to their parents when they are calling home for items they've forgotten. Respectful responses are not always what are heard. In order to fulfill the mission of "creating a safe, caring environment, based on Christian values" students now using the phone will need to fill out a slip of paper stating why they are calling and how they are going to express their gratitude to their parents for helping them. Parenting is a difficult job and any help we can give to the hardworking parents of our students is well worth the effort. Let us be the first to say, "Thank you, Mom and thank you, Dad."

Grandparents' Day Schedule

As a reminder, tomorrow's festivities will include:

- 7:55—Mass in Church
- 9:00--9:40am—Program in Church
- 9:45 – 10:45—Classroom visitation
- 10:45 Dismissal

The bridge is out on Harrison Boulevard just west of the school, so you need to either follow the detour, or enter by coming in from the east. Please allow for extra time for this detour and for finding parking space.

School Pictures — Natalia Cox

School pictures will be taken on **Monday, Oct. 6**. Each student will have his/her portrait taken for the yearbook, regardless of whether you are purchasing pictures. Only portraits will be taken this day. We will take all group activity, scout and athletic pictures on their own day.

The portrait package order forms will be sent home in today's white envelope. Completed order forms and payment **MUST** be returned on the morning of picture day.

Each child that is ordering pictures should take his own envelope to his own classroom. Do not send all the orders with one child. If you need an extra order envelope, please let the office know immediately.

Oct. 6 is a dress alternative day, so make sure your child is dressed appropriately for pictures. Any questions, please call Natalia Cox [476-0519](tel:476-0519).

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the family of **Marjorie Herren**, great-grandmother of Ally (Gr. 3), Molly (Gr. 3), and Lucas Herren (Gr. 6), who recently passed away.

The Athlete's Perspective

Teamwork is the Key to Success— *Cam Milroy*

The Saint Paul 5th/6th grade soccer team McQuestion #24 kept it's winning streak alive with a win over St. Thomas Aquinas to run it's record to 4-0. Everyone contributed in the game, which made it fun for the whole team. 11 goals were scored making



it an 11-0 victory. Goals were scored by Amol Verma, Cam Milroy, Matt Levenda (2), Will Halsey, Brady Byvoets, Andrew Boxum, Grayson Collins, Will Behrend, and Eric Page (2). Luke McQuestion and Martin Flude had an unstoppable defense with alternating goalies of Will Behrend, Cam Milroy, and Eric Page. All the panthers went home with smiles on their faces knowing that Teamwork was the Key to our Success!

CYO Soccer— *Maggie Nicksic*

The 5th/6th grade Saint Paul Soccer Team won against St. Michael's 5-1, and everyone did amazing. Sam Ruiz got two awesome goals, Ian Cox had one goal, and Will Ruiz had two goals. Also Josh West played aggressive defense and Jason Isley, as sweeper, kept the ball away from the goal at all times. Our whole team did great keeping possession and being first to the ball. We all had an awesome time at our soccer game.



Cross Country Results — *Ray Tarnow*

The Girls and Boys won at Sunset Hill Park last week!!

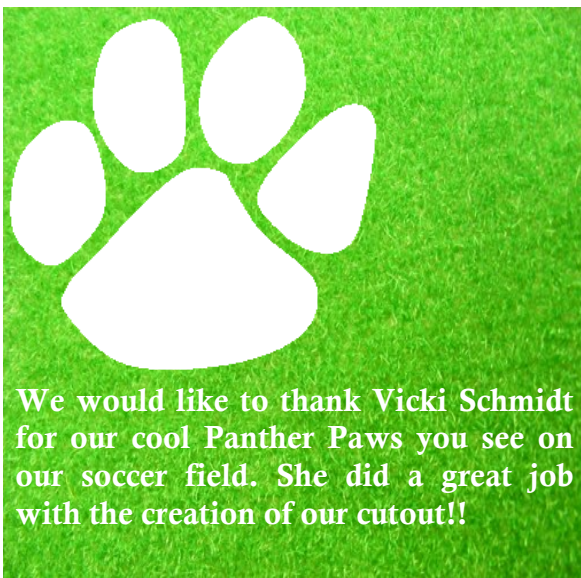
Top Ten finishers

Girls

- 8th Madeline Braming
- 5th Ashley Graegin
- 2nd Corinne Ritzi

Boys

- 8th Bobby Woodburn
- 7th John Runnion
- 5th Tommy Cavanaugh
- 4th Jak Krouse
- 1st Jake Tarnow



Mr. Tarnow Soccer Report— *Ray Tarnow*

One of the soccer officials came to me to compliment one of our players. He stated that one of our players, during the game, displayed great character.

This player helped opposing players up after knocking them down and passed on many occasions when he could have scored in a game in which the Panthers were up by many goals. This player shared the ball with players who hadn't scored a goal and he was an outstanding teammate. The official stated to me he wished he saw more of this during CYO games.

This young man is SAM RUIZ. I wanted to thank Sam Ruiz for leading by example. Sam is one of many kids who show how great our kids are at Saint Paul. Way to go Sam!! Go Panthers!!

Weekend Schedule



It's a great day
to be a Panther!

Soccer



September 27th

5th/6th (B/H) - 3:30PM @ SPCS vs. St. Casimir
5th/6th (M-1) - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist #1
5th/6th (M-3) - 2:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Thomas More #2
7th/8th (K) - 12:30PM @ St. Mary Griffith vs. St. Mary Griffith
7th/8th (R) - 9:30AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist

September 28th

5th/6th (B/H) - Bye
5th/6th (M-1) - Bye
5th/6th (M-3) - Bye
7th/8th (K) - Bye
7th/8th (R) - Bye

September 29th

7th/8th (K) - 5:30PM @ SPCS vs. Victory Christian Academy

Girls' Volleyball



September 27th

5th (C) - information not available at time of press
5th (P) - 12:00PM @ SPCS vs. Hanover
6th - 11:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Evangelist
7th - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Mary CP
8th - 10:00AM @ SPCS vs. St. John Bosco

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8th - 1:00PM @ SPCS vs. St. Casimir #1

September 29th

6th - 4:30PM @ SPCS vs. Victory Christian Academy
8th - 5:30PM @ SPCS vs. Victory Christian Academy

Cross Country



September 25th

4:30PM @ Sunset Hill Park vs. VCA

October 1st

4:30PM @ Lost Marsh Golf Course, Hammond
(CYO Meet)

Athletes are expected to arrive 30 min. before each meet.

Alumni News

Do you keep in touch with SPCS alumni? Drop us an email at <Link@stpaulvalpo.org> to share their news. Thank you!

Mission Statement

At Saint Paul Catholic School,
teachers, parents, and students work
together
to create a safe, caring environment,
based on Christian values
and service to others,
that enables students to learn and
develop
spiritually, academically,

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